



## American Water Works Association

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RE: Request for Data Collected Under the Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

Dear Sir or Madam,

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is requesting data collected under Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule ([UCMR 4](#)). The UCMR 4 monitoring is managed by the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Technical Assistance Center located in Cincinnati, OH. The responsible supervisor staff are:

- Dan Hautman, telephone number: (513) 569-7274; or email address: [hautman.dan@epa.gov](mailto:hautman.dan@epa.gov)
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In April 2021 EPA released observations reported to EPA under [UCMR4](#). We request the data collected to-date under UCMR4 up to and at least including the records associated with the [summary data released to-date](#) by EPA. In July 2019, AWWA made a similar request for the UCMR4 data collected as of the May 2019 summary; the form and substance of EPA's response to that FOIA request met AWWA's needs with the exception of a means to identify data associated with consecutive systems. A similar response now updated for more recently acquired data and subsequent revisions from quality assurance and quality control activities would be appreciated. To help identify data associated with consecutive systems, AWWA requests that the response includes an additional data file that includes inventory information for all sampling point locations that have at least one analytical result in the October 2020 NCOD files and that are categorized as "CC" for "Facility Type". The inventory fields required are as follows:

- Public Water System Identification (PWSID) Code
- Facility Identification Code
- Facility Type
- Sampling Point Identification Code
- Sampling Point Type Code

That initial request read as follows:

"This request is for an electronic copy (CVS file) containing the following data, which EPA collected but only released in summary form. AWWA is requesting the following data for all of the water systems for

which data collected under UCMR4 is available. AWWA is requesting the measured concentrations for each of the following analytes:

- Dichloroacetic acid (DCAA)
- Monochloroacetic acid (MCAA)
- Trichloroacetic acid (TCAA)
- Monobromoacetic acid (MBAA)
- Dibromoacetic acid (DBAA)
- Bromochloroacetic acid (BCAA)
- Bromodichloroacetic acid (BDCAA)
- Chlorodibromoacetic acid (CDBAA)
- Tribromoacetic acid (TBAA)
- Total organic carbon (TOC)
- Bromide

AWWA requests the CVS file records that contain the analytical results for each of these analytes as well as the data necessary to correctly relate the above data to the publicly available data from UCMR4:

- Public Water System Identification (PWSID) Code
- Sampling Point Identification Code
- Sample Collection Date
- Sample Identification Code
- Analysis Date
- Sample Event Code
- Facility Identification Code
- Sampling Point Type Code
- Contaminant Sample Analysis Type
- Analytical Method
- Analytical Result Measured Value
- Analytical Results–Sign

As the request is for electronic data AWWA is hopeful that the requested data would be forwarded by email, an FTP site, or similar.”

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence or if we can be of assistance in some other way, please contact Chris Moody (202.326.6127, [cmoody@awwa.org](mailto:cmoody@awwa.org)).

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION

Best regards,



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#### ***Who is AWWA***

*The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. Founded in 1881, the Association is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Our membership includes more than 4,500 utilities that supply roughly 80 percent of the nation's drinking water and treat almost half of the nation's wastewater. Our 50,000-plus total membership represents the full spectrum of the water community: public water and wastewater systems, environmental advocates, scientists, academicians, and others who hold a genuine interest in water, our most important resource. AWWA unites the diverse water community to advance public health, safety, the economy, and the environment.*

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